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W. M. Crane has been appointed by the governor of Massachusetts to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Hoar in the United States senate.

Robert J. Wynne has been appointed to succeed Henry T. Payne as postmaster general. He has been acting postmaster general since the death of his chief.

The defendants in the Jackson county court investigation have made a motion for the discontinuance of the investigation on the ground that some of the petitioners are not taxpayers. And still the Kansas City Star has not reared up on its hind legs and howled about "technicalities" and "thwarting investigation of the robbery of the masses." Does Ed. Butler own the Kansas City courts, as the Star seemed to think he owned the supreme court six months ago?

The St. Louis World is emitting a great roar about police interference at the recent democratic city primaries in which the Butler element was defeated in every contested ward. The republicans have been howling about police interference every time they have been beaten for ten years. Baseball and football have taught the public to "cuss" the umpire whenever a favorite gets the worst of it. The World will get little comfort from the public, which considers the Folk-Hawes ticket the home team.

The Kansas City Star has fallen in love with Tom Watson. The Star was once rather unfriendly to populism, but the Star has undergone a change of heart in many particulars lately. The Star now says of Watson, "He is sincere, aggressive and popular." Being a mischief-maker for the democrats, the Star is naturally delighted with him. When Gorman played Weaver against the republicans as the republicans are now playing Watson against the democrats, the Star thought populism a pitiful insanity.

The country papers are beginning to be flooded with literature recommending the adoption of the second constitutional amendment to be voted on in Missouri in November. This amendment relates to the initiative and referendum, a populist nostrum that could serve no other purpose than to increase the burdens of citizenship and injure the system of representative government by lessening the dignity of representative officers. It is safe to vote no in the case of each of the amendments, though two of them have some merit in them.

THE CAMPAIGN.

The state campaign is not progressing in a very satisfactory and healthy manner. The state ticket will doubtless be elected by the usual or more than usual majority, but the character of the campaign is such as in ordinary years would lead to disaster. Even as it is the future results must be bad.

There is the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, a professed democratic paper, urging its readers to scratch Cook and Allen. There is the St. Louis World, a professed democratic paper, urging its readers to scratch Folk. There is the Kansas City Star, a professed independent paper, booming Roosevelt and Folk and seeking to bring about an exchange of auxiliaries. There are those who give indubitable evidence of not caring a fig whether anybody else is elected if only Folk may be made to lead the ticket by ten thousand votes. There are others who would rejoice to see Folk fall behind the ticket by ten thousand votes.

Such sentiments as these cause no other feelings than those of disgust to plain democrats, who, whatever personal preference they may feel before a nominating convention, know no other sentiment after that than an earnest desire for the harmony of the party and the success of its whole ticket. The ticket is going to succeed. It is going to succeed in spite of all that is objectionable and reprehensible in the canvass. It is going to succeed in large part because the incidents of the last four years of democratic administration in St. Louis and the further recent victory of decency in the democratic primary in St. Louis have served to colonize all the disreputable political elements in that quarter upon the republican preserve, to the disgust of honest men all over the state. The republicans can't help it. A familiar incident years ago unloaded upon us for a while all the anarchists in the land. Democratic victory in Missouri is won now, but it will be a victory barren of good results unless it may be achieved and increased by unanimity, party spirit and devotion to whole party principles and aims.

RAILROAD DISASTERS.

Almost daily disasters on the railroads of the country suggests the reflection that American people are woefully reckless of human life. Trains smash into each other, kill fifty or a hundred men and women, a wrecking crew is hurried to the scene, and in a few hours the debris is cleared away and everything is running merrily as if nothing had happened. The newspapers chronicle these events in big black letters and the people read them as they do the accounts of baseball games, rarely indulging any more serious reflection than a comparison of the size of today's disaster with that of yesterday.

Yet a railroad disaster is generally little more than wholesale murder, the absence of malice being fully offset by the absence of care and sense of responsibility. These disasters are not primarily the railroads' fault, in the final analysis they are the people's fault. Public sentiment upon this subject is not clear and insistent. The people are more interested today in requiring the railroads by constitutional amendment to furnish free transportation to public officials than in requiring safe transportation for those who pay their fare. We have no thought of enforcing reasonable hours for train hands, dispatchers and telegraphers. It often transpires in investigating the cases of disasters that train crews, especially freight crews, have been on duty from twenty hours to forty hours without sleep and sometimes almost without food.

And then, too, there are too many children in the railroad service. Mere boys are entrusted with vast responsibilities of which they have no sense whatever—responsibilities which inspire in them inordinate conceits of personal importance without the least corresponding sense of moral accountability. This is true of all branches of business in America, but nowhere so universally true as in the railroad service, and nowhere does it lead to such disastrous results. Youth is worshiped in America with an unwholesome and indiscriminating adoration. We elect boys to public office and intrust them with the interests of vast businesses. We flout prudence and discretion, and magnify initiative and motive force.

It would cost less to prevent wrecks than to pay damages. There are practically no wrecks in other countries. Even in Mexico and Canada criminal prosecutions insure caution.

But we are too chicken-hearted to apply the remedy of criminal prosecution. The administration of justice in America is feminine in spirit. So long as we read of wholesale slaughters as mere news wonders and save our feelings and maudlin sympathies for condemned criminals we may expect such butcheries as that of Monday to continue.

The Kansas City Star is now championing the Kaw river as a navigable stream. The oldest inhabitant cannot remember ever to have seen a word in that paper about the Osage or Crooked rivers or Willow creek in connection with improvement by the national government, but the Kaw river is an object of its most solicitous concern. The Star says editorially: "If the Kaw river is not navigable it is because the Federal government has neglected its duty of supervision over it. The trial trip of a big gasoline boat yesterday demonstrated that except for low bridges and artificial obstructions in the river bed packets of large size could traverse the river for a length of seventy-five or a hundred miles." It is confidently believed that the Star has neglected its education in the matter of Missouri geography, or else it would not be blind to the commercial possibilities of the Tabo and Little Sal.

The Odessa Ledger of last week contains some criticism apparently aimed at the County Court for not giving longer notice of the letting of the contract for printing the ballots. The time was short, but the editors of the Higginsville Jeffersonian, the Higginsville Leader, and the Odessa Democrat were here, and the Ledger might have come or sent. All of the representatives of the papers mentioned spoke of the time of their notice and all seem to have been notified at the same time, which was the same as that of the notice given the two papers here. The court may have reasons of its own for the length of the notice or it may have overlooked the matter until the day before adjournment. In any event the notice was sufficient to bring representatives of five papers, and the whole matter is of too little importance to make the basis of serious criticism of the court.

Several of the county papers are running a call for a meeting of the newspaper men of Lafayette county to be held at Higginsville, October 29, for the purpose of organizing a county association. Editor Bales of the Odessa Democrat has been clamoring for such an organization ever since he came to this county and now it seems that about all the papers in the county have taken the matter up. Such an organization if intent upon serious purposes ought to be a source of inspiration to its members and to result in good to everybody. So let every newspaper in the county be represented at the first meeting and see what can be done.

The defense of Port Arthur will go down in history as one of the most heroic efforts in the calendar of war. It has shown that in spite of the marvelous advancement in the use of explosives and projectiles, favored sites may still be fortified so that a trifling force may withstand a host. Doubtless the Japanese have lost more men in this siege than the Russians have had in the defense twice over, and the fortress now seems as far from its fall as it ever was. If the war should now end by the intervention of the powers the defense of Port Arthur would be the one bright spot in Russian record.

Germany has been heightening its tariff for the past four years for the professed purpose of paving the way for reciprocity treaties with the other states of Europe. The Agrarians, who are the beneficiaries of the German tariff regulations want to stand pat, and the government may find its experience to be that of the republican party in this country, which in spite of platform pretenses is utterly unable to fulfill its promise of making reciprocal trade relations with other countries, even with the backward nations of South America.

The Butler element in St. Louis is said to have dominated the republican city convention in St. Louis Monday and to have dictated the nomination of men for the most part who are favorable to the interests he represents. Hawes' victory last week turned over to the republicans a mass of elements that is bound to swamp their boat.

Rummage Sale.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Disciples church will hold a rummage sale on October 25 and 26, the place to be announced later. 1342

Bryan on Folk.

In his speech at St. Joseph Monday, Mr. Bryan said:

I want to urge you to vote for Folk. Now Folk's nomination presents state issues of vital importance. He was nominated on account of the record he had made. He is known as the champion of purity in politics and as the implacable foe of corruption, as far as the fame of Missouri. He who does not know Folk's reputation confesses thereby that he knows little of American politics to-day. All Democrats will vote for him. And I am going to believe that there are enough fearless men who have the courage to stand for their conviction among the rank and file of the Republican party in Missouri to make his majority so large as to shame corruption from the state.

I cannot conceive how any Democrat can try to defeat him unless that Democrat is opposed to the prosecution of hoodlums. And if there be such, I believe that the Democratic party can better afford to lose him than the Republican party can afford to gain his support. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Cook. I have known of his splendid fighting qualities. I know that he is still capable of great service to his party. I hope you will not only elect Folk, but that you will elect Cook, and all of Folk's helpers on the ticket. They have all endorsed the same platform. They each and all of them stand for the same principles.

A Card.

EDITOR INTELLIGENCER—I have been informed that Mr. Glover Branch, republican nominee for representative from this county to the next general assembly, in a speech, at Wellington last week, severely criticised the democracy of Mr. Charles Keith, the democratic nominee, and referred to me as a witness on that subject. For me to remain silent under the circumstances, might make a wrong impression to the effect that there had been some agreement between us concerning the matter or that he had knowledge that my opinion would be unfavorable to our candidate.

While I am not so presumptuous as to suppose that my opinion will settle the party standing of anyone, yet I recognize that Mr. Branch has the perfect right to call upon any person he chooses to testify to his opponent's politics. This is legitimate campaign tactics.

Since he has referred to me, I take pleasure in saying that I have never questioned Mr. Keith's democracy. I believe him to be a sound, loyal democrat without fear and without reproach. Respectfully,

WILLIAM YOUNG.

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